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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS
and Petition for Extension of Time**

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed 28 October 2003, on the following pages are amendments to the claims, and remarks directed to the Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to 1 March 2004 (28 February 2004 being a weekend) in order to respond to the Office Action mailed 28 October 2003. Please debit Deposit Account No. 502144 for the fee under § 1.17(a)(1).